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TAGS: ASEC, PINS, LE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTACK ON U.S. EMBASSY BEIRUT

1. SUMMARY: TWO SEPARATE SOURCES BOTH IN GOL INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES (ISF) HAVE INFORMALLY PASSED INFORMATION TO US THAT PFLP MAY BE PLANNING ROCKET ATTACK AGAINST EMBASSY OR OTHER OFFICIAL U.S. TARGETS. END SUMMARY

2. TWO SOURCES ARE BOTH IN GOL ISF JUDICIAL POLICE AND APPARENTLY THEIR INFORMATION COMES FROM THE SAME ULTIMATE SOURCE. TWO SOURCES PROVIDE SOMEWHAT DIFFERING VERSIONS OF INFORMATION BUT IT APPEARS THAT A POLICE INFORMANT IN SOUTH LEBANON REPORTED THAT HE HAD WITNESSED NUMBER OF MEN PLACING ROCKETS IN RED CRESCENT AMBULANCE WHICH THEN PROCEEDED NORTH. ULTIMATE SOURCE REPORTED THAT HE KNEW THESE MEN WHO WERE FOR MOST PART FROM PFLP.

3. ONE OF THESE POLICE SOURCES SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE TALK IN SOME OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE SOUTH ABOUT AN ATTACK ON U.S. OFFICIAL INTERESTS. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT PFLP SPONSORED BY IRAQI BAATH PARTY ARE INTERESTED IN DISRUPTING SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND ARE LIKELY PLANNING OPERATIONS AGAINST US TO FURTHER THEIR AIM.

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4. COMMENT: POLICE INFORMATION SEEMS SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN TO US. THERE IS NO APPARENT REASON TO CONNECT SHIPMENT OF THREE ROCKETS IN AMBULANCE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH LEBANON WITH ROCKET ATTACK AGAINST US. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT POLICE ARE CONDUCTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL LEARN RESULTS. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT GOL KNOWS MORE THAN THEY HAVE REPORTED TO US TO DATE. SECURITY AT OUR PRIMARY INSTALLATIONS IS ALREADY STRINGENT. GOL ARMY MANNING POSITIONS AROUND EMBASSY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL AND OBSERVANT IN LAST SEVERAL DAYS.
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